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**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/674,152

Filing Date: October 27, 2000

First Named Inventor: Chisa Hayakawa

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce

Attorney Docket Number: 1165-799

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:****a. ☐ Previously submitted**

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**b. ☒ Enclosed:**

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees****a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:**

- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (two Months) \$410.
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1,160 enclosed.****c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.****Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required**

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Date: July 14, 2003

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Chisa Hayakawa et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1771
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Application No.: 09/674,152	)	Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce
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Filed: October 27, 2000	)	
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For: Composite Cloth	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of February 14, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) A composite fabric comprising a knitted or woven composite fabric of (1) a white pigment-containing fiber that is a synthetic fiber that contains from 1% by weight or more to 6% by weight or less of a white pigment and/or that is a core-sheath composite synthetic fiber comprising a core portion that contains from 3% by weight or more to 15% by weight or less of a white pigment, and a sheath portion containing 2% by weight or less of a white pigment, and (2) a water-absorbent and water-diffusing fiber, wherein the composite fabric has a multi-layered structure of two layers or more, a top or surface layer thereof being formed with a yarn composed